तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन पार्टियों से किस-किस दर पर कच्चा माल खरीदा ;

(ख) एल-2 और एल-3 के कितने निविदाकारों को सप्लाई के क्रयादेश दिए गए जबकि एल-1 के निविदाकार को इससे वंचित रखा गया और क्या गत तीन वर्षों की निविदाओं का पूरा विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जायेगा; और

(ग) क्या सरकार प्रबन्ध निदेशक और उसके निकट संबंधियों की सम्पत्तियों की जांच केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो से कराएगी, यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) और (ख) इंडियन ड्रग्स एण्ड फार्मास्युटिकल्स लि० कुछ कार्बनिक रसायनों, शल्य चिकित्सा उपकरणों आदि के अलावा अनेक प्रपुंज औषधों और विभिन्न प्रकार के सूत्रयोगों के निर्माण में लगा हुआ है। प्रपुंज औषधों, सूत्रयोगों, रसायनों और शल्य चिकित्सा उपकरणों, के निर्माण के लिए कंपनी को अनेक किस्म के कच्चे माल और अन्य वस्तुओं की जरूरत होती है। आई०डी०पी०एल० ने बताया है कि निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार खरीद की जाती है। तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक कच्चे माल के संबंध में जानकारी काफी अधिक होगी और इसे एकत्र करने में पर्याप्त समय और श्रम लगेगा। अपेक्षित ब्यौरे एकत्र करने में लगने वाला समय और श्रम प्राप्त होने वाले परिणामों के अनुसार नहीं होगा।

(ग) इस प्रकार का कोई प्रस्ताव इस विभाग के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Union Carbide's Refusal to send their Representation to Indian Courts

£1970. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reported refusal of the Union Carbide Corporation to send representative officers to appear in Indian courts and their counsels' allegation against Government of India on misuse of aid disbursed for the Bhopal Gas Victims; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) have not informed the Government about their refusal to appear in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal. However, the Court has been taking steps to effect their appearance before it. Government have also not received any allegation from UCC about misuse of aid meant for Bhopal gas victims.

Fire in the godowns of Hindustan Vegetable Oil

1971. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire broke out in the godowns of Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited, Subzi Mandi, Delhi on the 27th April, 1992;

(b) if so, the loss caused to the Corporation as a result thereof;

(c) whether any investigations had been ordered into the cause of this fire; if so, its outcome the responsibility fixed for the lapses, if any, and the preventive measures taken for future; and

(d) the quantum of oil stocks insured and the compensation amount claimed therefor from the Insurance Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS ANI PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

£Previously unstarred question 1656, transferred from the 11th May, 1992.

(b) On the basis of the finished stock value the loss due to fire is estimated around Rs. 50 lakh. However, the exact loss is being assessed by Insurance Company's Surveyor, after segregation/valuation of damaged stock/salvage.

(c) Preliminary inspection has been carried out by the Officers of Unit on the spot. Further Departmental enquiry has also been ordered by the Corporation. The responsibility for the lapses, if any will be fixed after the detailed report of the enquiry ordered is received. Appropriate preventive measures have been initiated by the Corporation in all its Units to avoid such recurrence. FIR has been lodged with the police.

(d) Stocks of the value of Rs. 4 crores in respect of the material lying in factory premises in insured The stock of Rs. 43 lakh was insured for the stock lying in the compound across the road where the fire took place. The amount of insurance claim will be worked out after necessary survey is completed.

Subsidy to Public Distribution System

1972. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have provided Rs. 250 crore as additional subsidy for Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A provision of Rs. 250 crores has been made in the Budget for the year 1992-93 on account of additional subsidy and also the cost of constructing number of godowns under the Revamped Public Distribution System, being implemented in about 1700 blocks identified for this purpose. The allocation for these items will be augmented if necessary.

Distribution of superior quality of wheat to consumers

1973. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to distribute superior quality of wheat to the consumers in small bags through Public Distribution System;

(b) the details of the prevailing wheat price supplied through Public Distribution System as well as its price in the open market;

(c) whether the tenders for import of wheat have been processed and finalised.

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(e) the present price of wheat in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Central Government issue wheat for Public Distribution System (PDS) to all States|UTs at the uniform Central Issue Price of Rs. 280 per quintal (effective from 28-12-1991). In case of Integrated Tribunal Development Projects areas (ITDP) the Central Issue Price of Wheat is Rs. 230 per quintal. The end retail price to the consumers under the PDS are fixed by the respective States Governments|U.T. Administrations after adding incidental cost such as handling and transport charges, local levies and margins to the fair price shop owners. In the case of ITDP Central Government has stipulated that end retail prices should not exceed Central Issue prices by more than Rs. 25 per quintal. The